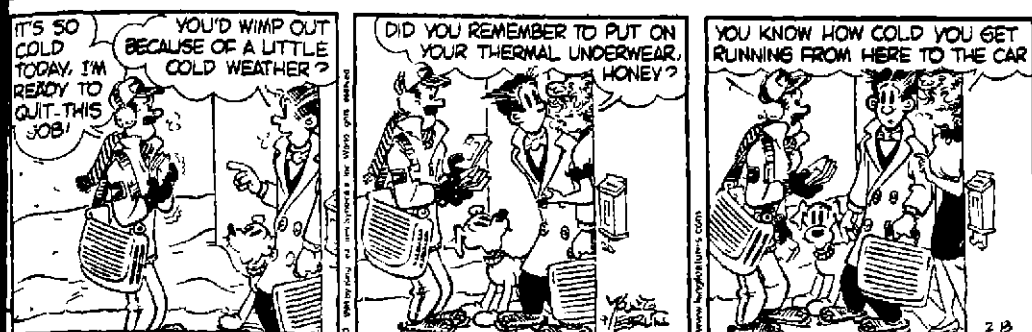


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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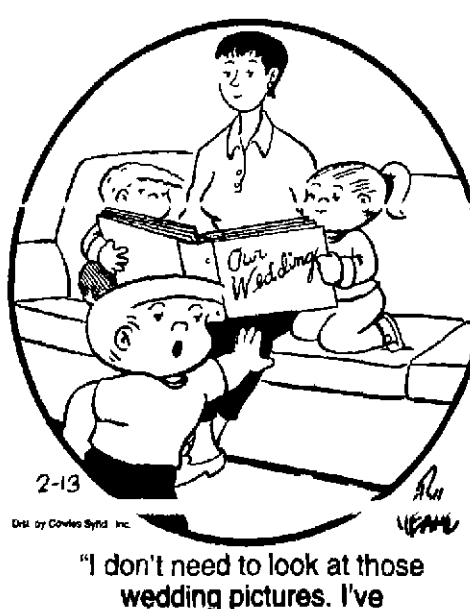
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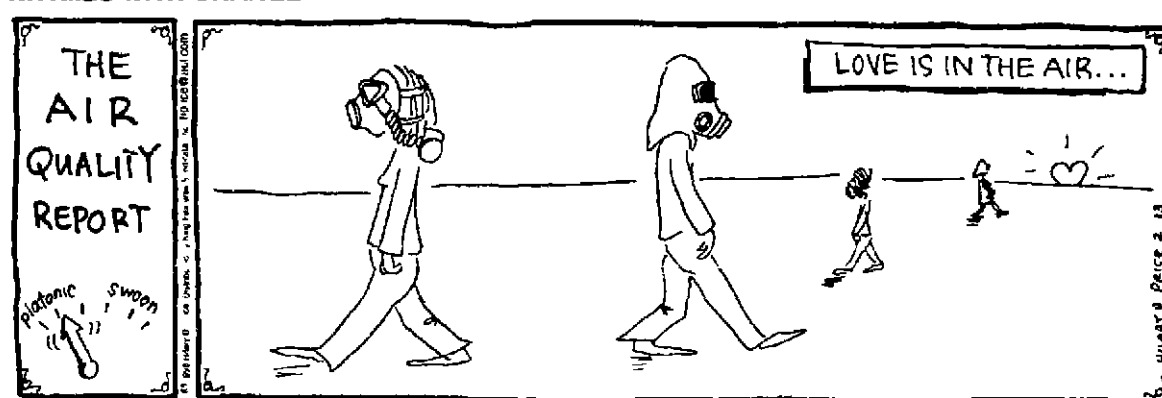
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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



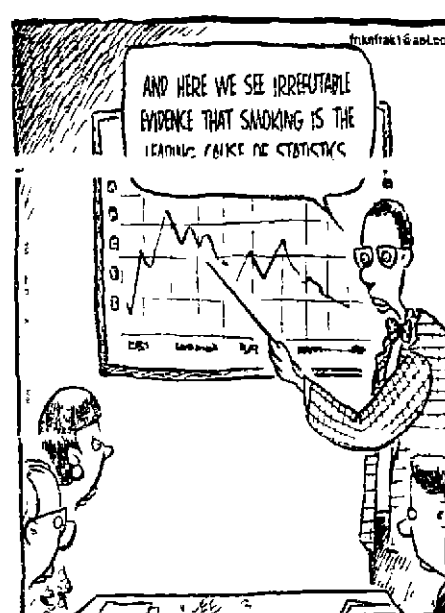
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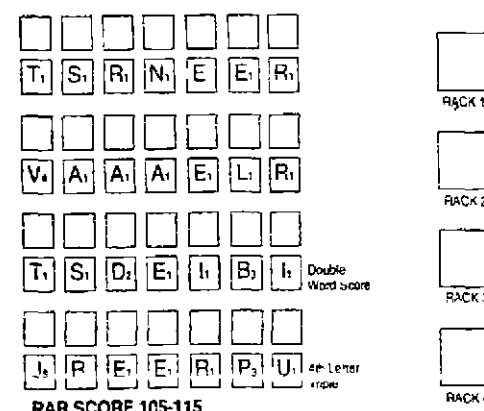
Actor Lyle Bettger is 83. Singer Eileen Farrell is 78. Former test pilot

"Chuck" Yeager is 75. Actress Kim Novak is 65. Actor Bo Svenson is 57. Singer-musician Peter Tork (The Monkees) is 56. Actress Stockard Channing is 54. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 54. Singer Peter Gabriel is 48. Actor David Naughton is 47. Rock musician Peter Hook is 42. Actor Matt Salinger is 38. Singer Henry Rollins is 37.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 105-115

by JUDD

FOUR PACK TOTAL

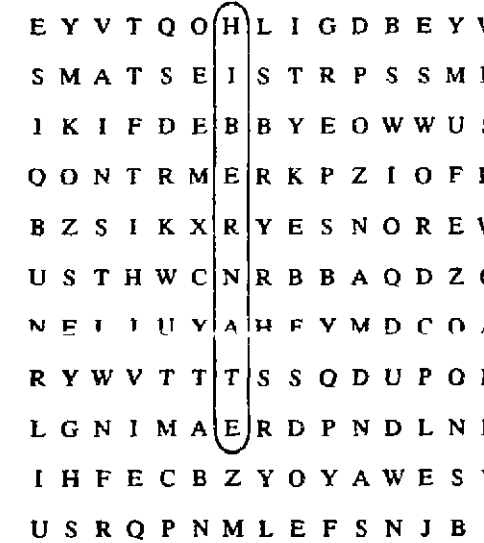
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OCSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2-13-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Sleeping



Thursday's unlisted clue: BAREBACK

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint: A NAP AFTER LUNCH

Betty-bye Forty winks Retire Snore
Dreaming Hibernate Sack time Snooze
Drowse Nap Sandman Shore
Repose Shut-eye

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Romance is in the air, so don't spoil it by insisting on your own way. If you compromise, the two of you end up having a lovely time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have a special surprise planned for that special someone. First, though, you have some domestic tasks to complete.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're not in a particularly sentimental mood, and this could cause some friction with your mate. If something's on your mind, open up and share it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Cupid's arrow has missed its mark, and you find you have no special plans. However, enjoy some socializing with good friends.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You have an unfortunate tendency toward vanity. It could put that special someone in a surly mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're all business as you go from task to task. Thus, a loved one feels neglected and left out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Singles and married folks alike go around with stars in their eyes. Go ahead and mingle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You don't think you have the energy to complete certain domestic chores. Feel free to let these slide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're taken aback by a loved one's demands. You haven't realized how neglectful you've been of late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Before indulging in that romantic bliss, pay attention to your schedule. You could miss out on fulfilling an obligation you committed to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your willingness to listen is the trait that saves the day for you. You can be of enormous help to that special friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A special surprise is in store for you. First, though, a child needs some attention.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

At times, duplicate players are likely to do foolish things—all in the name of gaining a possible slight advantage for an extra trick. Today's West tied his own noose. His misguided lead-directing double backfired, and the opponents were quick to hang him. Over North's 20-21 HCP opening, South bid three diamonds, promising five or more hearts and asking opener to bid three hearts (Jacoby Transfer). Let alone, North would have bid three hearts and South would have raised to four. North would then have made two or six hearts, depending on whether West gets his two aces. With such a good hand and with four excellent diamonds, North redoubled, and that became the final contract. The result was truly bizarre. West led the club 10, and South promptly cashed four top clubs, discarding all his spades. A spade ruff came next, followed by a low heart to dummy's king for another space ruff. A second low heart went to dummy's queen, and dummy's last club was led. South ruffing with his last trump, West overruffed, but regardless of what he did now, he could win only two more diamond tricks. Making the redoubled contract with an overtrick produced the unusual score of 1,240 points for North-South, earning a bottom score for East-West. What did the lead-directing double rate to gain? Not much. North was the favorite to hold the diamond king, so the possibility of gaining an extra diamond trick was at best remote.

NORTH 01.3 A
♦ K Q
♥ K Q 9 8
♣ A K Q J 7

WEST EAST
♦ A J 5 ♠ Q 10 4 2
♥ J 3 ♣ 9 6 2
♣ A Q J 4 ♠ 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 6 ♣ 5 4 3 2

SOUTH
♦ 9 8 6 3
♥ A 10 8 7 5 4
♣ 7 6 5

Vulnerable Both

Dealer: North

The bidding

North East South West
2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Dbl
Rbf Pass Pass Pass
*transfer
**excellent diamonds

Opening lead: Club 10

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0102

ACROSS

- 1 "The Black Stallion" boy
5 Great quantity
9 Bricklayers' equipment
13 Star vehicle
14 W.W.II torpedo vessel
16 Lined up
17 Mary's "South Pacific" co-star
18 Electric battery inventor
19 Part of Caesar's boast
20 Designers' lines
23 — the good
24 Verbal inflections
25 Flop-eared one
28 Extort
30 How some shares are sold
31 "— Love" (1986 hit)
32 Like — out of hell
36 Remain firm
39 Skater's attire, at times
40 Crosspiece
41 Semilunar valve neighbor
42 Idealist's need
43 Certain geneticist
49 Plays idly
50 Did livery work
51 Hinders, in a way
54 Anapest's relative
56 Jagged

DOWN

- 1 Hebrew letter
2 Somerset Maugham's — of "Lambeth"
3 Biographer Ludwig
4 Composed
5 Putsch
6 Like — from the blue
7 Goes straight
8 Where to see Turners and Sargent's
9 Postcard message
10 They can be licked
11 "Holy Sonnets" poet
12 Emmentaler
13 Limestone, e.g.
14 Cratchit or Heep
15 X rating?
16 Strong fiber
17 Alaska wildlife refuge site
18 "Concord Sonata" composer
19 Comics dog
20 Fresh
21 Boutique department
22 Poet's adverb
23 Refuse
24 "— Perpetua" (Idano's motto)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

